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PEOPLE N.Y. Woman Claims Mayakovsky as Father... Patricia J. Thompson says she is the daughter of the late poet Vladimir Mayakovsky...



President Frederik W. de Klerk outside his office in Cape Town on Wednesday. A newspaper headline explained his smile.

Jubilant de Klerk Declares Apartheid a 'Closed Book'

By David B. Ottaway and Paul Taylor Washington Post Service

CAPE TOWN — President Frederik W. de Klerk has received an unexpectedly large vote of confidence in his leadership and negotiations for a nonracial constitution, winning nearly 70 percent of the vote in a historic whites-only referendum.

South Africa: What's Next?

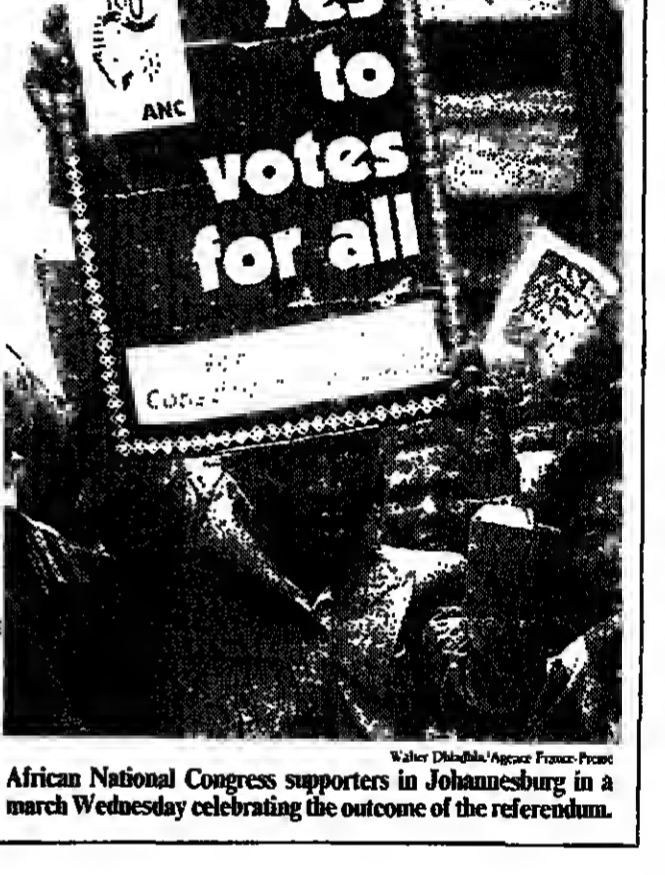
President Frederik W. de Klerk's victory in the referendum gives his reforms tremendous momentum, but daunting political problems remain. Here is a look at what is to come in the months ahead.

Islamic Jihad Claims Bombing

JERUSALEM — Islamic Jihad, the terrorist group in Lebanon, took responsibility on Wednesday for the bomb that destroyed the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires and killed at least 20 people.

A New Offer On Guarantees

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration on Wednesday offered Israel \$300 million in housing loan guarantees, but stood firm on hard terms for more help in absorbing more than 400,000 immigrants.



African National Congress supporters in Johannesburg in a march Wednesday celebrating the outcome of the referendum.

UN Gives Baghdad March 26 Deadline

By Paul Lewis New York Times Service UNITED NATIONS, New York — The United Nations has given Iraq until March 26 to come up with a detailed plan for destroying a long list of equipment and buildings used for building and repairing its banned ballistic missiles.

For Opponents of Bush and Clinton, Divine Aid Is Last Hope

By R. W. Apple Jr. New York Times Service CHICAGO — The double-barreled Midwestern showdown put Bill Clinton in the fast lane toward the Democratic presidential nomination Tuesday and left Paul E. Tsongas and Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr. to squabble over which one could better pick up the pieces if Mr. Clinton should crash.

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Buchanan Camp to Lower The Heat on the President

By E. J. Dionne Jr. and Ann Devroy Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — After President George Bush overwhelmed Patrick J. Buchanan in the Michigan and Illinois primaries he declared he was "virtually assured" the Republican presidential nomination.

Najibullah Offers to Step Down

KABUL — President Najibullah offered Wednesday to hand over power to an interim government under a United Nations plan to end the civil war in Afghanistan. No immediate reaction was available from guerrilla parties fighting the government.

Against a Real 'Jaws,' Japanese Take the Team Approach

By T. R. Reid Washington Post Service OHSHIMA, Japan — Kazuo Harada's last words came crackling over the radio set from the ocean floor with a ring of sheer terror that still resonates in this frightened fishing village.

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New Pact Calls for Ethnic Split In Bosnia

By Chuck Sudler... BELGRADE — Leaders of the three major ethnic groups in Bosnia...

Finns' Application Speeds Debate Over Future Shape of EC

By William Drozdiak... PARIS — Finland formally applied for membership in the European Community on Wednesday...



CHECKOUT TIME FOR HOTEL QUEEN — The hotelier Leona Helmsley, 71, collapsing in a Manhattan court on Wednesday after learning she is to begin her four-year prison sentence for tax evasion on April 15 — the deadline for filing federal taxes.

Despite Nuclear Effort: In Pakistan, U.S. Kept Aid Flowing for 7 Years

By Norman Kempster... WASHINGTON — The State Department knew as early as 1983 that Pakistan was engaged in an active nuclear weapons project...



Carol Moseley Braun, an official in Cook County, Illinois, was in a gleeful mood after beating the incumbent, Senator Alan Dixon, by 38 percent to 34 percent in the Democratic primary on Tuesday...

CLINTON: Waiting for a Crash

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BUSH: Buchanan to Lower Heat

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Tomb in Israel Is Said That of Jesus' Enemy

JERUSALEM — Israeli archaeologists say they have unearthed in Jerusalem the tomb and remains of the high priest Caiaphas, who the New Testament says handed Jesus to the Romans for crucifixion...

REFORM: De Klerk Calls Apartheid a 'Closed Book'

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Theft at a Jerusalem Shrine

JERUSALEM — An armed robber broke open a case and stole jewelry and other pilgrim offerings at a shrine to the Virgin Mary in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

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By Serge Schmemmann... MOSCOW — President Boris N. Yeltsin said Wednesday that he had been assured Ukraine's battlefield nuclear weapons would be withdrawn to Russia by July as planned...

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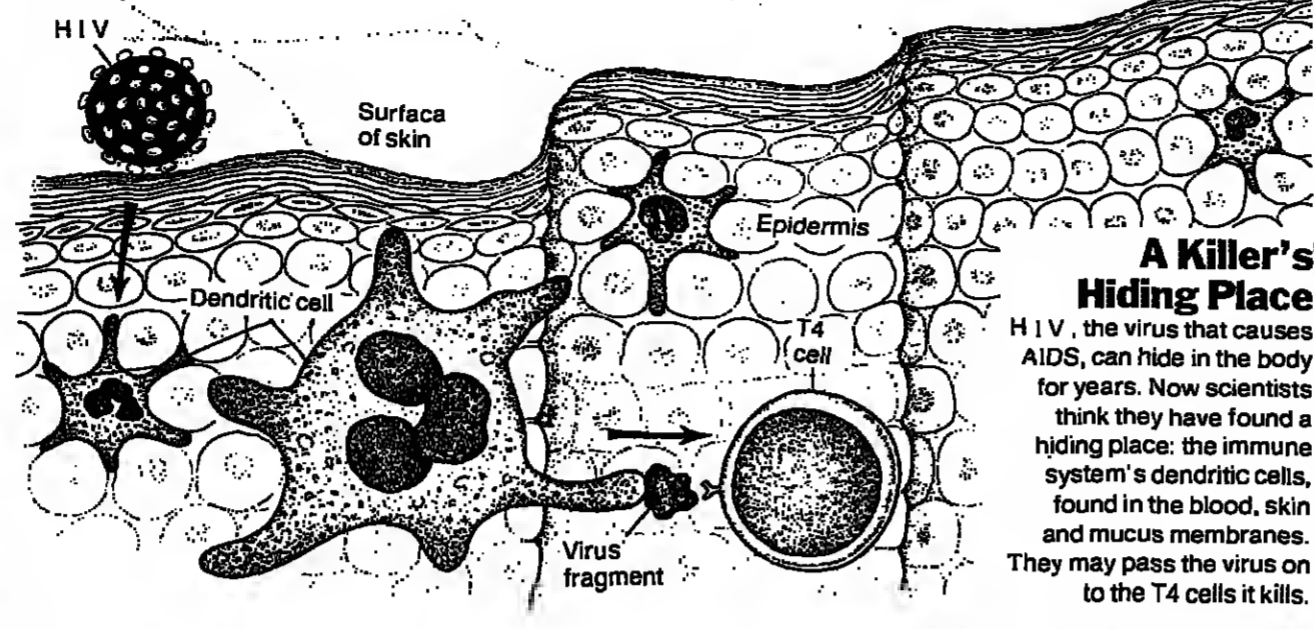
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HEALTH / SCIENCE

Tracking the Path of AIDS After Infection

By Gina Kolata
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Ever since the virus that causes AIDS was discovered, scientists have puzzled over a central mystery of the disease. How can this virus smolder in the immune system for as long as 10 years before it finally destroys a person's ability to fight infections?



A Killer's Hiding Place
HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, can hide in the body for years. Now scientists think they have found a hiding place: the immune system's dendritic cells, found in the blood, skin and mucus membranes. They may pass the virus on to the T4 cells it kills.

The New York Times. Illustration by Michael Reibold

After years of bafflement, investigators now believe they have nearly cracked the puzzle. They have several competing ideas to explain the mystery, and some researchers propose that all the mechanisms they are finding may act in concert. The payoff from solving the mystery, experts say, should be new drugs or vaccines to stop the virus.

decline of the immune system that occurs with virtually no sign or symptom of illness. The infection begins with a brushfire in the immune system. The human immunodeficiency virus spreads rapidly through a susceptible class of white blood cells, the T4 cells, that normally fight infections. As many as 20 to 40 percent of the T4 cells die. The infected person, in the meantime, often has a flu-like illness, with chills and fever.

typically a fungus infection of the mouth or other mucous membrane. As the T4 cells continue to decline, other, more deadly infections crop up and the weakened immune system cannot fend them off. The question, then, is what is the virus doing during the years it is eroding the immune system?

analogue to what is seen in the course of kidney disease. Dr. Fauci said he and others had recently found that there was at least 10 times more virus in lymph nodes than in T4 cells in the blood. The virus seeds itself in this tissue and waits there, infecting T4 cells as they pass by. This leaves unanswered the question of what is happening in the lymph nodes. One hypothesis is that T4 cells are continually being infected and killed by another type of white blood cell, the dendritic cell.

lastic the T4 cells to multiply and pour into the blood to destroy the foreign invader. Dendritic cells in mucous membranes, referred to as Langerhans cells at that stage, are in the perfect spot to be infected with HIV, Dr. Haseltine said. They lurk in the membranes of the vagina, cervix and penis. "In monkeys, when you apply virus to the sexual mucosa, the dendritic cells are the first ones infected," he said. In the test tube, he said, dendritic cells become infected with HIV much more quickly than other cells and within two days start spewing out copies of the virus.

Lean Diet Works With Men at Sea

U.S. Navy Study Proves Sailors Can Be Healthier — and Like It

By Jane E. Brody
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Can young American men used to eating meat, potatoes, gravy and ice cream adapt to a more wholesome diet and actually learn to like it? Yes, if they are stuck eating it for six months without barbecued ribs and fries to tempt them, a demonstration study among sailors has shown.

starting weight was 200 pounds or more, 74 percent lost weight on the health-promoting diet, as against only 26 percent who lost weight on the comparison ship. The average sailor on the Scott had knocked two fatty inches off his waist while his counterpart on the Peterson had added an inch and a half.

Streamlining Wednesdays

Menus for Wednesday on the USS Scott and revised menus. Includes sections for Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, and Vegetarian options.

Menu. Tuna sandwiches replaced fried chicken, and sherberts and sorbets stood in for high-fat ice cream. And instead of drowning vegetables in a sea of butter, as navy cooks are wont to do, the Scott chef's seasoned vegetables with a butter-flavored, fat-free substitute.

Sex Crimes: Is There a Medical Solution?

By Sandra G. Boodman
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The recent request by a Texas man to be surgically castrated in order to perform it. Publicity about the case, however, has rekindled public debate about castration.

defendant said he had changed his mind about being castrated. Monday, the judge withdrew his approval of the procedure, saying he was unable to find a doctor to perform it. Publicity about the case, however, has rekindled public debate about castration.

abandoned surgical castration in favor of so-called chemical castration: weekly injections with drugs called anti-androgens that blunt the sex drive. The best known of these drugs is Depo Provera, a female sex hormone.

shock or an unpleasant smell, a behavior modification technique known as aversive conditioning. In the case of a child molester attracted to 10-year-old girls, severing the connection between arousal and children might mean fantasizing about a little girl and then sniffing an ammonia capsule.

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Cooperative Divorce?

America Can Help

Russia and Ukraine, the core of the new commonwealth that replaced the Soviet Union only in December, are veering sharply apart.

Washington can make clear that it will not waste aid on republics that maintain unaffordably large armies, proliferate arms or practice beggar-thy-neighbor economic nationalism.

Nuclear Responsibility

The latest political scuffling between Russia and Ukraine, over disposition of the former Soviet Union's nuclear weapons, could mean trouble.

More Than Just Iraq

When the Gulf War ended 14 months ago, the United Nations told Iraq it was going to have to give up its nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

Clinton Isn't There Yet

Even as voters trooped to the polls on Tuesday, Bill Clinton's critics continued to hammer at his character and raise sharp questions about his ability to win a general election.

their troubles, seek the symbols of nationhood — their own currency, arm, even nuclear arms — but symbols of nationalism exact a price.

Ukraine's President Leonid Kravchuk pursues gimmicky economic policies and blames Russia for the barren results.

Washington needs to boost its aid to both republics substantially — and set stringent conditions before releasing it.

When the Free World Expands, So Should NATO

By Frederick Bonnat

BRUSSELS — Doubts about the need for NATO in the absence of the palpable Soviet threat that caused it to arise may well endanger its future existence.

The alternative is a reversion to national defense, suspicion and secret arms buildups.

has a chance to extend its protection and thereby its influence further East. The opportunity should not be missed.

Look Here, the United States Isn't a Superpower Any Longer

By James Chace

NEW YORK — The United States is not a superpower. There are no more superpowers, despite a new Pentagon document outlining a \$12 billion strategy to prevent any other country from challenging U.S. primacy.

the world safe for democracy. If it tries to do so, it will end up betraying the concept of collective security that Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman saw as the cornerstone of U.S. security.

In Fact, This Pentagon Paper Happens to Make Sense

By Charles Krauthammer

WASHINGTON — When an administration meets the legal definition of brain death, one should be grateful if some part of the government still manages a thoughtful articulation of American purpose.

It comes not from the White House, not from the State Department (its policy planning staff is too busy studying aerial photographs of garden apartment construction at Maale Adumim), but from the Pentagon.

Labor on the Ropes: Helmut Kohl Should Run for President

By Thomas Geoghegan

CHICAGO — In 1992 in America, people talk about labor the way they used to talk about the homeless or the poor. Despite their pro-union claims as they campaigned in Illinois and Michigan, there is no labor candidate.

Yet could not this be America's hope as a country? To let people join unions? I mean freely and fairly, without being fired.

You Don't Have to Be Racist If You Voted for Buchanan

By William F. Buckley Jr.

PARIS — On the question of "Should I vote for Pat Buchanan, given that he has said irresponsible things about minorities, Jews and Israel?" there are those who answer, "Do not vote for him, because if you do you are encouraging racism and anti-Semitism and your own integrity is forfeit."

ments to be critical to the question at hand: Had Mr. Bush lost the confidence of many of those who voted for him four years ago?

At the same time I recorded that if the vote in New Hampshire were for the next president of the United States, I would vote for Mr. Bush, not for Mr. Buchanan.

economic, managerial and humanitarian aid as a means to achieve stability. Yet the new governments in Eastern and Central Europe, and those in the former Soviet Union, look to NATO as their security anchor.

The council came into being in December as an extension of the liaison arrangements with the former adversaries that had begun after the declared end of the Cold War at the London NATO summit in 1990.

That step cannot be taken today. None of the countries concerned is sufficiently stable, nor are their democratic systems sufficiently firm.

Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland are on the verge of associate membership of the European Community. If they become full members it would be hard to admit them to NATO.

The alternative is a reversion to national defense, unceasing mutual suspicion and secret arms buildups.

The nucleus of today's free world is formed by the United States and Europe, and NATO is its security arm. NATO is also the single institutional link between the United States and the West European countries.

The writer is editor of NATO's Sixteen Nations, an independent military journal published in Brussels. He contributed this column to the International Herald Tribune.

global balance of powers is coming into being. Above all, it would require the United States to abandon the false idea of the "superpower," which had its origins in a Cold War that is now history.

The writer, who teaches international relations at Bard College, at Annandale-on-Hudson, is author of the forthcoming book "The Consequences of the Peace." He contributed this column to The New York Times.

The alternative is Japanese carriers patrolling the Strait of Malacca and a nuclear Germany dominating Europe. We Americans have had 40 years of competition with one heavily armed, nuclear superpower. Do we really want to devote the next 40 years to competition with two, three, many such countries — countries like Germany and Japan that have historically displayed far less prudence in their drive for hegemony than even Stalin's Russia?

The Pentagon Paper asks the simple question: To whom entrust the security of our children? To Boris Butros Ghali? The chancellor of Bonn and Tokyo? The president of the United States? If the cost of that choice is 3.4 percent of GNP, it's the bargain of the century.

ment paralysis, just as they tell you in Federalist No. 10.

What is left? Fiscal policy? But we are bankrupt. And thanks to Ronald Reagan we have 50 states with their own huge budgets now. Coordinating all this would be like some Boris Yeltsin nightmare.

So it seems to me we have no choice. It's labor law reform. That is all we have got left. Here are three arguments for bringing unions back:

First, it is what business really needs: a market, a middle class with money, as in 1946. But the CEOs can't just give the money away, like characters in some Tolstoy novel. In fact, unions are saving us now — European unions. If Germany had America's labor policies, Americans would be in a depression.

Second, unions mean that companies are better managed (as they were before the Reagan era). At least there is a chance for truth-telling. Now, to manage well, you have to pretend that a union is in there.

What about work rules? Really, this is such garbage. In most contracts I know there are basically two work rules: protection from unfair firings and layoff by seniority. In Germany those are statutory rights, with labor courts to enforce them.

Don't like other work rules? Fine, let's get rid of them. And instead of work rules let's have works councils, as in Germany, made up of an equal number of workers and managers.

On Tuesday, I kept thinking of Helmut Kohl, the right-wing German chancellor, arguing in December at the European Community meeting in Maastricht for (no kidding) "a charter of labor rights." The story was not clearly reported in America. How could it be? What American reader would have understood it?

Anyway, on my ballot, I was thinking of just writing in "Helmut Kohl." Of course, he would not accept; He would beg off, saying he was in some budget fight with the Bundestag. Yet I dream of him in New York wearing the nomination and saying: "If I am elected, it will be like Germany — we'll be unionized wall to wall."

The writer is author of "Which Side Are You On? Trying to Be for Labor When It's Not Its Back." He contributed this column to The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Strife in Berlin

BERLIN — During the morning and afternoon [of March 18] the demonstrations in memory of the Revolutionists of 1848 passed off without any serious incident. Collisions between the Socialists and the police occurred here and there, but none was of a grave character.

1942: 'War Relocation'

WASHINGTON — [From our New York edition:] President Roosevelt established today [March 18] a "War Relocation Authority," which will have charge of a program for the relocation and employment of those persons being removed out of military areas. These people will be given an opportunity to enlist for the duration of the war in a "war relocation work corps." They will perform work essential to the war effort, White House officials said, but not of a type which would provide any opportunity for sabotage.

1917: Change in Russia

PETROGRAD — News received during the night [of March 18] gives ground to the belief that the whole of Russia has adhered to the new regime.

work rules let's have works councils, as in Germany, made up of an equal number of workers and managers. The Germans don't have work rules, as we do. They let the workers, or at least the works councils, run the plants. This should assuage the Reaganites. Then we would catch up to the new European idea, which is simply the current German one: not just high wages but even a bit of worker control.

Once Marx wrote: A specter is haunting Europe, and the specter is communism. Now perhaps a specter is haunting capitalism, American-style, and the specter is Europe. What should a Democratic voter do? On Tuesday, I kept thinking of Helmut Kohl, the right-wing German chancellor, arguing in December at the European Community meeting in Maastricht for (no kidding) "a charter of labor rights." The story was not clearly reported in America. How could it be? What American reader would have understood it?

Anyway, on my ballot, I was thinking of just writing in "Helmut Kohl." Of course, he would not accept; He would beg off, saying he was in some budget fight with the Bundestag. Yet I dream of him in New York wearing the nomination and saying: "If I am elected, it will be like Germany — we'll be unionized wall to wall."

The writer is author of "Which Side Are You On? Trying to Be for Labor When It's Not Its Back." He contributed this column to The New York Times.

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OPINION

France's Florentine Gets Dangerous

By William Pfaff

PARIS — François Mitterrand has been called "the Florentine" because of the subtlety of his political perceptions and the deviousness of his maneuvers; and, one must add, for his ruthlessness, which now appears to extend to a willingness to weaken the Fifth Republic itself for the sake of personal ambition.

This is a contradictory record with respect to the Fifth Republic's constitution, which was written and adopted under Charles de Gaulle. He first called it a mere subterfuge by which General de Gaulle was discarding "the last obstacles to his march toward absolutism."

He wrote in 1964 that the French people had before them "simply a monarch, surrounded by his domestic servants; we have come to that." The Fifth Republic, Mr. Mitterrand said, was a "permanent coup d'état." However, President de Gaulle renounced power the moment the public indicated (in a referendum in 1969, on an unimportant issue) that they no longer supported him.

Twelve years later, Mr. Mitterrand was elected president of de Gaulle's republic — and did nothing to limit the powers of presidential office he previously had condemned. He reveled in those powers, and in the years after 1981 he personalized national decision-making to an even greater degree than had been the case under General de Gaulle.

Time wears on politicians and their power, however, and Mr. Mitterrand, now in the fourth year of his second seven-year term, has fallen to his nadir of public sympathy (only 35 percent express confidence in him, according to the latest opinion polls). He faces regional elections later this month, and legislative elections a year from now. By every present evidence his Socialist Party will lose both by crushing margins.

He has made two responses to this. The first has been to order his Socialist followers to direct their current regional elections campaign solely against the rightist National Front leader Jean-Marie Le Pen. The Socialists, directly or indirectly, have called people into the streets to block National Front election meetings, and this sometimes has coded in violence.

Some Socialist mayors have refused to allow National Front rallies on public premises. Some Le Pen meetings have been banned by the government on the pretext that they jeopardized public order. There have been suggestions that the National Front be outlawed.

The purpose of this is to turn a vote which actually concerns local issues into a national referendum for or against Mr. Le Pen, in which Mr. Mitterrand's "presidential majority," led by the Socialists, presents itself as the sole alternative to the allegedly fascist National Front. The conservative parties that are Mr. Mitterrand's real opponents are supposed to be squeezed out by this tactic, which gives vast publicity to Mr. Le Pen and promotes the National Front as a force much more important than it actually is. (In the same national poll in which Mr. Mitterrand has only 35 percent approval, Mr. Le Pen has 12

percent — and 80 percent disapproval.)

President Mitterrand has indirectly promoted the National Front for many years through election eve statements about votes for immigrants or relaxed immigration rules, designed to send frightened conservative voters into the overtly anti-immigration Le Pen camp, thus weakening the legitimate conservatives. It is clever, in a brutal way, but it is also dangerous. Mr. Le Pen now is the most prominent rightist figure in Europe, and for this he can chiefly thank Mr. Mitterrand. The two have suited one another very well.

The president's second maneuver has yet to take place but is being pressed upon the Socialist Party's leaders — out all of whom are pleased by what is contemplated. Mr. Mitterrand wants to install proportional representation for the next legislative election, in 1993. This is the only way he sees to keep the conservative opposition from dominating the National Assembly.

Full proportional representation, or present computer simulations, would bring so many National Front and ecologist deputies into the National Assembly that the democratic right would be able to form a majority only by allying themselves with the National Front. Mr. Mitterrand, on the other hand, could reasonably expect to dominate the Assembly on most issues by means of shift-

ing majorities drawn from Socialists, Communists, greens and centrists.

For all practical purposes, this means recreating those Third and Fourth Republic conditions of parliamentary intrigue and weak and short-lived governments which the French repudiated under General de Gaulle by adopting the Fifth Republic constitution.

There are things to be said in favor of limited proportional representation, but it is a system which makes strong government impossible. It also is difficult to get rid of once installed. The small parties that can dominate coalitions by throwing their votes from one side to the other cannot be expected to vote themselves back into obscurity. The political malaise in Israel today, where minuscule extremist parties decide the outcome of great national debates, is the direct result of its system of proportional representation.

"Après nous le déluge" was the remark of Madame de Pompadour, Louis XV's mistress. It was an intelligent woman's prophetic observation of what was to come — and did come in the Revolution of 1789, but it was not a statement of monarchical policy. For Mr. Mitterrand, it seems to be policy. He has used de Gaulle's republic, and now that it has served him he will discard it. Those who follow must cope with the consequences. It is a distressing end for a man of real qualities, who once believed he could surpass Charles de Gaulle.

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'In the Cold War we taught children to hide under their desks.'

Out to the Winter Woods To Find Happy Russians

By Eleanor Randolph

MOSCOW — In this grim era there are moments when Russia, parts of it at least, is surprisingly beautiful. It is as if the dirty streets, polluted sky and hard ugly life served as a backdrop, intensifying anything that brings pleasure, however briefly.

One of those moments came on a recent afternoon as I drove along the Moscow River. I had chosen what I call the "semi-nice" route. Instead of a shorter

MEANWHILE

trip behind rows of trucks, whose exhausts are unregulated and whose pollution leaves a bitter metallic taste in the mouth, I took the longer route along the river, where only one factory distorts the landscape and sullies the atmosphere. Across the river from this route is the Novodevichy monastery, set against a lake with a small colony of swans. On most winter days this serene place is obscured by a layer of ashen cloud that sucks all color out of the sky, the pastel buildings, even children's faces.

On the Novodevichy spires are the Russian Orthodox crosses, and they were lit, as if by firelight. It was only as I started that I realized why. The crosses are often placed so that at dusk they can catch the last rays of sunlight. These were doing their ancient job this evening, adding a few precious moments of light to this dark, gray city.

While the television news captures only the depressing, telling this week's stories of people eating dogs and cats sold by street vendors, it misses the other side of the story.

To balance oaths about poor, unhappy people, clips are shown of Russia's tiny cove class of rich people. But the news misses the happy people. And what is lost is an understanding of the country that makes those who move to America, where they can buy 25 brands of toothpaste, yearn for Mother Russia where most people still make their own.

A trip to the hill outside Moscow State University last week offered a clue. Three young persons commandeered a piece of concrete as a picnic table, where they laughed over a bottle of sweet sparkling wine and a bag of McDonald's hamburgers. A group of children were sliding down a huge, rather frightening toboggan track, using makeshift sleds fashioned from pieces of cardboard or plastic left by tourists.

On another wintry Saturday, our family followed the crowd of cars out to the countryside to ski. Unlike in most of America, where a ski trip may cost a year's savings, skiing here on a nice winter day is little different from taking a walk on a nice summer morning.

"Skiing" in this country generally means cross-country skiing. Instead of molded high-tech boots, Russians wear street shoes. Instead of silver and ma-

gents fiberglass skis, theirs are wooden, passed down from grandparents, some of whom crafted them by hand. The skis are strapped on with laces tied in complicated knots.

On that morning, after a thick snowfall, we arrived bursting with gear that still had price tags on it. My husband and I and our 6-year-old daughter emerged from the car with our post-cross-country skiing kits and our down-filled suits, Gore-tex mittens and special pocket candies for hypothermia. Down a village road, past the place where the goats graze in summer, we started our trail. In summer this trail begins at a junk heap, a pile of rusted car parts and broken plastic tubing. In winter the junk heap becomes an ice sculpture.

On the trail, the Russians were quiet and contained. There is no real camaraderie with other skiers, perhaps as people enjoy rare moments of privacy in this overcrowded society.

At one point, when I was moving too fast for a tiny hill, I fell into the snow and crawled off the trail just in time to make room for a tall woman who came whizzing silently past. About 50, she wore old clothing and had very long wooden skis; her poles looked like hand-carved wooden canes. Her mouth was open in a half-smile and her head moved from side to side as she took in the birch and fir woodlands around her. She was not merely happy; she was ecstatic.

I realized that it was the first time in my year here that I had seen this look on a Russian face in public. Russians keep their street faces under control, except when they are angry, drunk or sad — human states which seem to be publicly acceptable and understandable. Smiles are still suspect. Americans who grin at other people automatically are viewed as insincere, snarling or simply foolish.

But this woman was openly expressing what we all felt that day as we soaked up the sunshine and snow, exulted in the silence and the clear forest smell. For all of us, it was an afternoon when beauty-starved eyes were momentarily satisfied. Our daughter, Victoria, when told she had to stop skiing after almost two hours, dropped to her knees and protested. "I wish spring would never come," she said, speaking at that moment for everybody in the woods.

Sometimes I fear we are so busy documenting the troubles of this struggling country that we are surprised when people are not miserable.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Azerbaijan and Armenia

Unfortunately, world public opinion has calmly accepted the massacres perpetrated by Armenians in the area of Karabakh. It is impossible to understand why European human rights groups remain silent. Do the bonds of Christianity transcend simple humanity and the values of Western civilization?

The fact that Armenians live in the middle of Azerbaijan only shows the leniency and tolerance of traditional Azerbaijani policy, from which the Azeris do not intend to depart.

But there is only one name to describe the Armenian attacks on Azeri towns and villages, with the indiscriminate killing of elders and children: barbarity.

Dr. CERGIZ OKTAY, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Marmara, Istanbul.

Regarding "A Town Forsaken: The Killing Ground in Karabakh" (Mean-while, March 11) by Thomas Goltz:

The writer describes the unfortunate fate of the Azeri population of the town of Khojaly that was attacked by the Armenians. However, Mr. Goltz himself says that Khojaly was first established as a service center for the airport of Stepanakert, the capital of Nagorno-Karabakh. Since November

1991 this airport area has been constantly shelled by the Azeris. The Armenians there have been virtually un- der a blockade, with no food and no medication for the numerous wounded.

SONIA MEGHREBLIAN, Ivry-sur-Seine, France.

Israel and the Desert

In response to "Living With the Desert, to Make It Live Again" (Mean-while, March 4) by Tom Wolf:

In Israel, a small country that is half desert, the fight against desertification is vital. I say this as president of the Belgian branch of the Jewish National Fund, the oldest ecological movement in the world, founded in 1901.

The Israelis consider the fight against desertification, together with the water problem, as their first priority, way ahead of their differences with the Arabs. The struggle is one of human genius and willpower. Large stretches of the Negev desert have already changed color from yellow, gray and brown to green. Dozens of experiments are made every year to conquer the desert.

Cities and villages are being built in the desert and are very quickly encircled by man-made parks and forests. A giant water reservoir between Beersheva and the Mediterranean will recover

the enormous quantities of rainwater that fall there a few days a year, erode the land and get lost in the sea. This will help the desert bloom.

The Negev is again populated by animals of biblical times: oryxes, lynxes, leopards, wild mountain goats, eagles and more. If the 21st century is going to be livable, the example of Israel should be followed. Time is running short.

M. LORIE, Antwerp.

Exactly, a Palestinian

Regarding "Not Exactly a Citizen, Exactly" (Opinion, March 2):

Many thanks to Anthony Lewis for exposing one aspect of the Israeli occupation. When Khalil Ibrahim Shikaki's American colleagues questioned the Israeli authorities about preventing him from returning to his home in Nablus, they were told that he was "not exactly a citizen." What Mr. Shikaki is, exactly, is a Palestinian. There are about 2 million more, just like him, living under Israeli occupation. Most are without legal or human rights and are subjected daily to indiscriminate measures by the Israeli occupation forces.

Unlike Mr. Shikaki, most are without influential friends and have had to rely on the international community to ad-

dress their situation. With the advent of a Middle East peace process, let us hope that it will result in restoring to all Palestinians their legal and human rights.

MARIE PECK, Amman, Jordan.

Mussolini and the Jews

Regarding "Remembering Mussolini" (Letters, March 11) from Stefano Riccio:

Let us not praise Mussolini but likewise let us not distort history. Mussolini was an anti-Semite, or was this concept any part of Italian Fascism. Only in 1938, after 16 years of Fascism, were the first anti-Jewish laws passed, and then only under pressure from the Nazis. As Lucy Dawidowicz, a renowned Jewish historian, wrote: "The Italians remained unresponsive to German demands to deport Jews," whose "situation was enviable compared to those who lived under direct German occupation."

With Mussolini's fall in July 1943 and the German occupation in September, Jews were deported and murdered, but by the Nazis. It is worth recalling a comment by Mussolini to an inquirer who asked him about the Jewish problem. He replied, "We have no Jewish problem: anti-Semitism is a German disease."

J. T. BOHMANN, Meggen, Switzerland.

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INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

Prague Streetcar Maker Wooing Western Ideas

By Peter Passell
New York Times Service
PRAGUE — The tableau might have been reconstructed from some Depression-era photo essay on the collapse of an industrial heartland...

Like many Czechoslovak firms, CKD Tatra has more to offer than meets the eye. Founded by the Baron Frantisek Ringhoffer in 1852, the company was the first in central Europe to manufacture railroad rolling stock...

AS PART of the huge CKD industrial holding company, Tatra was assigned the task of making most of the streetcars used in the Communist world...

U.S.-EC Farm Pact On Track Officials Dismiss Oilseed Ruling

By Tom Redburn
International Herald Tribune
PARIS — The European Community and the United States were still on track Wednesday for a farm compromise critical to the completion of the Uruguay Round of global trade talks...

The proposal, aimed at breaking the logjam that for years has blocked the talks on overhauling the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, comes as both the United States and Europe are showing a renewed determination to complete the negotiations...

Last week, James A. Baker 3d, the U.S. secretary of State, said Washington was willing to compromise on a plan that would allow the Community to introduce direct payments to farmers as part of a major overhaul of the Common Agriculture Policy...

Life After Federal Express European Couriers Hope for an End to Price-Cutting

By Charles Goldsmith
International Herald Tribune
BRUSSELS — The decision by Federal Express Corp. to end its intra-European service is likely to lead to higher prices for express mail as other courier companies focus on quality rather than volume, industry officials said Wednesday...

Bundesbank Warns Bonn to Curb Spending

By Richard E. Smith
International Herald Tribune
FRANKFURT — The Bundesbank gives a stern warning to the German government in a report for release Thursday, urging it to either cut back spending, especially in Eastern Germany, or possibly be forced to raise taxes again...

Honda Shaken as Executive Resigns

By David E. Sanger
New York Times Service
TOKYO — Honda Motor Co. already struggling to recover from sales slumps in the United States and Japan, was thrown into disarray Wednesday by the sudden resignation of one of its most vital executives for health reasons...

CURRENCY RATES

Table with columns: Cross Rates, Other Dollar Values, Forward Rates. Lists rates for various currencies like DM, F, Lira, etc.

Table with columns: Eurocurrency Deposits, Key Money Rates, Asian Dollar Deposits. Lists rates for different currencies and time periods.

Continentals' Stock Is Still Trading, Defying Bankruptcy Plan and Logic

By Diana B. Henriques
New York Times Service
NEW YORK — Under a recently negotiated bankruptcy plan, the common stock of Continental Airlines Holdings is officially worthless...

GM Europe: Will Success Story Translate in U.S.?

By Marc Fisher
Washington Post Service
ZURICH — When the 14-member strategy board that directs General Motors Europe met recently to determine the best way to sell cars in a new Far East market...

Executives here generally agree that many of the lessons learned in Zurich may not be transferable to Detroit. GM Europe has shown how to decentralize and cut costs...

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Advertisement for CORUM watches, featuring a large image of a watch and text describing 'The Admiral's Cup' watch as 'simply one of the most distinctive and elegant sports watches in the world'.

Bottom section containing various small advertisements and contact information, including 'For investment information' and 'read THE MONEY REPORT'.

MARKET DIARY

Stocks End Mixed In Subdued Trade

NEW YORK — Stocks ended narrowly mixed Wednesday in a subdued session on the New York Stock Exchange, highlighted by a sell-off in waste-service company shares. Blue chips slipped while broader indexes gained ground.

More signs of a U.S. economic revival provided cheer, but analysts said the market was waiting for a pickup in corporate earnings. The U.S. Treasury secretary, Nicholas F. Brady, said a recovery was underway and the Federal Reserve's Tanzi Book reported some improvement in economic conditions.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which had jumped 19.68 points Tuesday, slid back 1.79 points to 3,254.25, snapping a three-session winning streak. Among the broad gauges, the New York Stock Exchange composite index eased 0.07 to 225.94, while Standard & Poor's 500-stock index slipped 0.36 to 409.22.

Dollar Is Mostly Firmer But Drops Against Yen

NEW YORK — The dollar closed with small gains Wednesday against most major currencies, but fell against the yen. The dollar ended at 165.32 Deutsche marks.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar also rose to 1.4952 Swiss francs from 1.4900 and to 5.6130 French francs from 5.5880. The pound was hurt by two opinion polls showing the opposition Labour Party with a five-point lead over the ruling Conservatives ahead of the April 9 election.

'Yes' Vote Is a 'No' for Platinum

NEW YORK — Platinum futures fell sharply Wednesday after South Africa's whites approved a referendum on sharing power with the country's black majority by a wide margin.

World Stock Markets

Table of world stock markets including Amsterdam, Helsinki, Hong Kong, Brussels, Frankfurt, Johannesburg, London, Milan, Montreal, and Toronto. Columns include stock names and their respective prices.

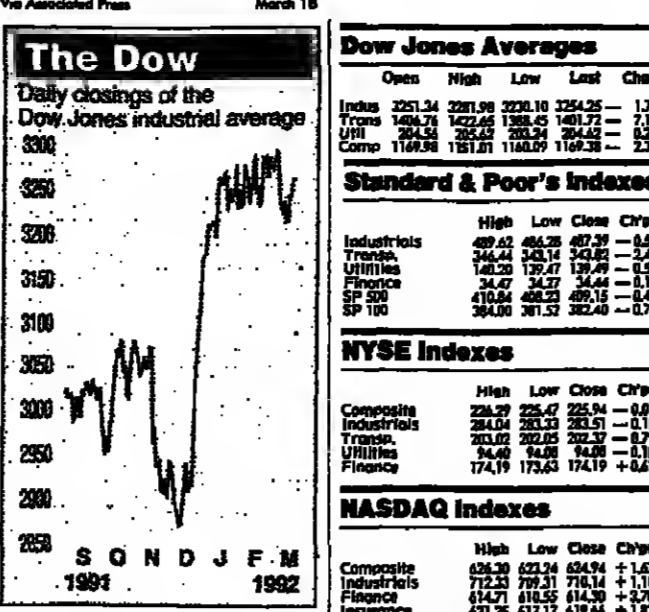


Table of Dow Jones Averages showing Open, High, Low, and Close for various indices like Industrials, Utilities, and S&P 500.

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U.S. / AT THE CLOSE

Fed Finds Signs of Pickup WASHINGTON (Combined Dispatches) — The U.S. economy is showing signs of gaining strength, led mainly by the housing sector and increased consumer spending, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday.

The chairman of the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan, said in a statement that the economy is showing signs of pickup. He noted that housing starts were up and consumer spending was strong.

NBD Bancorp to Buy INB Financial DETROIT (AP) — NBD Bancorp Inc. said Wednesday it had agreed to acquire Indianapolis-based INB Financial Corp. in a stock swap valued at about \$876 million.

Olympia & York Paper Put on Alert TORONTO (Reuters) — Dominion Bond Rating Service Ltd. said Wednesday it had placed Olympia & York Commercial Paper II Inc. and Olympia & York Exchange Tower on rating alert with negative implications because of an "unprecedented" lack of investor confidence.

A&P Sets \$1 Billion Spending Plan MONTVALE, New Jersey (AP) — The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. chairman, James Wood, said Wednesday that the company would invest more than \$1 billion over the next three years in new stores, remodelings and expansions.

Cemex Sets International Stock Sale WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) — Cemex SA, Mexico's largest cement maker, plans to raise up to \$1.2 billion with an international stock sale. Cemex plans to sell the equivalent of up to 70 million shares of Series A common stock in Mexico, the United States and elsewhere.

For the Record Next Computer Inc. has hired Peter van Cuylenburg as president and chief operating officer, said Steve Jobs, Next's chairman and chief executive. Mr. Van Cuylenburg most recently was group director of Cable & Wireless PLC.

Hewlett-Packard Co. and Convex Computer Corp. said they had signed business and technology agreements that included HP's acquisition of a 5 percent stake in Convex for about \$18 million.

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Wednesday's Prices
NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

Table of NASDAQ stock prices with columns for Stock, Div, Yld, High, Low, and Pk. Lists various companies like IBM, Microsoft, and Intel.

Main table of stock prices with columns for Stock, Div, Yld, High, Low, and Pk. Lists various companies like AT&T, General Electric, and Ford.

BBL Insurance Plan Involves 2 Suitors

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BRUSSELS — Banque Bruxelles Lambert SA said Wednesday it would not choose between rival suitors who wanted to join it in developing a banking-insurance network.

Arbed Buys Steel Site In Eastern Germany

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BERLIN — The Treuhander privatization agency said Wednesday it had sold an Eastern German steel plant, Maxhütte Unterwelzen-GmbH, to Arbed SA of Luxembourg.

Tobacco Gains at BAT Offset Insurance Losses

REUTERS
LONDON — BAT Industries PLC said Wednesday that record tobacco profits offset huge insurance losses in Britain to lift its pretax profit by 11 percent in 1991.

Rentokil Reports Rise In Profit and Stock Split

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LONDON — Rentokil Group PLC, the pest-control, cleaning and healthcare group, beat analysts' predictions Wednesday by posting a 27 percent jump in pretax profit to \$94.6 million (\$164.1 million) in 1991.

Bank of Finland Sets Plan to Aid Banks

REUTERS
HELSINKI — The Bank of Finland said Wednesday it would raise the base rate and abolish the stamp tax on stock-exchange trading in an effort to help strengthen the capital structure of Finnish banks.

GATT: EC and U.S. Continue Working on Farm Deal

(Continued from first finance page)
GATT ruling, which officials disclosed on Wednesday even though it technically remains confidential to allow time for negotiations, supports the U.S. claim.

Investor's Europe

Table showing stock indices for Frankfurt DAX, London FTSE 100 Index, and Paris CAC 40 with columns for Exchange Index, Wednesday Close, Previous Close, and % Change.

- Very briefly:
• Cadbury Schweppes PLC said it was placing 34.4 million shares with institutions to raise \$145.1 million (\$251 million) of the \$188 million it needs to buy the Mexican mineral water firm FEMSA Agua Minerales.

ABB Lifts Profit 2%, Predicts Little Change

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STOCKHOLM — ABB Asea Brown Boveri, the Swedish-Swiss engineering group, on Wednesday posted a 2 percent rise in pretax profit last year as recession hit most of its markets, and forecast a basically unchanged profit this year.

Cerus Says Loss Narrowed in 1991

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
PARIS — Compagnie Européenne Réunies, the French holding company of the Italian financier Carlo De Benedetti, said Wednesday that it expected a net consolidated loss of 1.3 billion francs (\$230 million) for 1991, down from a year-earlier loss of 2.05 billion francs.

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Lack of Details on Midland Takeover Plan Hits Stock

By Laurence Zuckerman
International Herald Tribune
HONG KONG — Shares of HSBC Holdings PLC, parent of Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp., fell nearly 7 percent on the Hong Kong stock market Wednesday...

outside Hong Kong, which will revert to Chinese rule in mid-1997. If approved, the deal would result in a major realignment of the bank's asset base. At the end of 1990, slightly more than 50 percent of the bank's assets were in the Asia-Pacific region...

Red Ink for Japan's Brokers

By Steven Brull
International Herald Tribune

TOKYO — Stagnant trading volume and scandals on the Tokyo Stock Exchange are devastating the earnings of Japan's securities industry, which said Wednesday it expected to post billions of dollars of losses in the current financial year.

It will be the brokers' worst performance in 27 years, and analysts say next year's prospects seem little better. Ten of Japan's top 14 brokers expect to post pretax losses, which will total 218 billion yen (\$1.64 billion) for the year ending March 31...

The brokers' forecasts are down sharply from those made late last year, when many expected the stock market to have recovered by now. Instead, the market is at five-year lows, with the Nikkei index having sunk through the key psychological barrier of 20,000 points on Monday...

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Investor's Asia

Table with columns for Hong Kong Hang Seng, Singapore Straits Times, Tokyo Nikkei 225. Includes line graphs for each index and a table of exchange rates for various Asian markets.

Arab Bank Turns Loss Into Profit

MANAMA, Bahrain — Arab Banking Corp., the biggest international Arab bank, reported Wednesday a \$90 million pretax profit for 1991, after a pretax loss of \$47 million in 1990.

Staple Foods Go Up as China Overhauls Prices

BEIJING — Chinese will pay a lot more for the basics of life — rice and bread — from April 1 as Beijing presses ahead with a price overhaul to relieve the crushing burden of subsidies on the state, officials said Wednesday.

China Banks Look at Ex-Soviet States

China's state-owned banks will open branches in the former Soviet Union this year in one of several moves to expand their presence overseas, Reuters quoted a senior Chinese banker as saying in Singapore.

New Rules in Shenzhen

The Shenzhen stock market has enacted provisional listing regulations, while a division of Hong Kong's Standard Chartered Bank announced it would be one of the agents for the exchange, news agencies reported from Hong Kong.

Very briefly:

- Motorola Inc. said it had won a contract from China to supply five cellular-telephone exchanges in Zhejiang province.
Japan Air Lines Co. forecasting a pretax loss of about 8 billion yen (\$60 million) in the year ending March 31, and said it would cut salaries of 38 executives by up to 15 percent for an indefinite period.

Arab Bank Turns Loss Into Profit

Table of financial data for Arab Bank, including assets, liabilities, and income statements.

Staple Foods Go Up as China Overhauls Prices

Table of financial data for staple food prices in China, including rice and wheat.

China Banks Look at Ex-Soviet States

Table of financial data for Chinese banks and their operations in the former Soviet Union.

New Rules in Shenzhen

Table of financial data for Shenzhen stock market and Standard Chartered Bank.

Bankruptcy Rumors Hit Hyundai Shares

SEOUL — Shares of Hyundai Group's 14 listed subsidiaries, including Hyundai Motor Co., fell Wednesday amid speculation that some units faced bankruptcy, dealers said.

SPORTS CRICKET UPSETS

Tie Sets Back Sparta Prague And Benfica

PRAGUE — The hopes of both Sparta Prague and Benfica of reaching the European Cup Champions' Cup final dwindled further Wednesday when they drew, 1-1, in their Group B semifinal match...



Fast-bowler Eddo Brandes, who held England to 43 for five, found he could almost walk on air after Zimbabwe's triumph.

Pakistan Gains Semifinals In Day of Surprises After Zimbabwe Stuns England

Compiled by Our Staff From Despatches SYDNEY — Thirty-six matches and nearly a month after it started, cricket's World Cup was pared to four teams Wednesday, a day of upsets and some anger...

Laurels

CUP WINNERS' CUP (Quarterfinals, Second Leg)

Speedy striker Focke Booy drew a penalty off which the tying goal was scored, then scored the deciding goal himself to give FC Bruge a 2-1 victory over visiting Atletico Madrid and a place in the semifinals...

UEFA CUP (Quarterfinals, Second Leg)

Two goals by Uruguayan striker Carlos Aguilera and a series of breathtaking saves by goalie Simone Braglia gave Genoa a 2-1 victory in Liverpool and a place in the semifinal...

Elder Brother Of Holyfield Shot Dead In Home

ATLANTA — Willie Holyfield, the older brother of world heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield, was shot and killed early Wednesday at his home in south-west Atlanta, police said...

Basketball's Top Draw? Coach Ahab

By George Vecsey New York Times Service NEW YORK — The players come and the coaches go, but the same coaches are with us from decade to decade...

South Africa's Vote A Relief to Players

SYDNEY — South Africa's "yes" for continued reform lifted a huge weight from the country's World Cup cricket team, captain Kepler Wessels said Wednesday...

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NBA Standings

Table showing NBA Standings for Eastern Conference Atlantic Division, Central Division, and Western Conference Midwest Division, Pacific Division.

European Basketball

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NHL Standings

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PEOPLE

ART BUCHWALD
The Rubber-Check Vote

WASHINGTON — The congressional check-writing scandal has not been the best election news for most candidates. But some campaign managers are trying to take advantage of it. Don Tiger met with Congressman Blankman and told him, "We're changing our strategy. We have to appeal to the check-bouncers' vote. There are thousands of Americans out there who have written rubber checks and feel that no one gives a damn about them."



Buchwald

"It could or could not work, but we have to do more to deflect the fallout from the scandal. I was thinking of calling for an FBI investigation of the reporters who broke the story. That should take people's minds off what I did. We can also hold the House hank employees in contempt of Congress for revealing how the House does its banking."

Court Supports U.S. Film Exporters

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Information Agency has lost another round in its long-running battle over control of film exports. A group of independent filmmakers has been battling the agency since 1985, accusing it of acting as a political censor by refusing to grant tax-free export status to documentary films that USA reviewers consider "propaganda."

The End of History? Well, Not Quite

By Judith Weinraub

WASHINGTON — Picture Plato at the Athenian Academy. Imagine Immanuel Kant bent over his desk in Königsberg. Or Hegel and Nietzsche inspiring students in drafty German universities. Marx tending off poverty in London.



Author Francis Fukuyama thinks about history with a capital H.

Not too comfy, right? Ascentic. Definitely cold in winter. Now picture Francis Fukuyama — political scientist and spiritual son of these philosophers — at the Rand Corp., where in 1988 he began the thinking for his most recent work, "The End of History and the Last Man."

Fukuyama has thought a lot about Santa Monica and the contrast between the people at Rand who ponder grave issues like nuclear war and the volleyball players on the beach. He points out that this seaside community is perfectly in keeping with the thrust of his argument: With its unashamed delight in recreation, with its disregard for Big Issues, Santa Monica is the natural habitat for the post-historical man, the last man, the guy who is still around at the end of history.

Islam is not a challenge in the same way communism was," he says. "In another hundred years the idea of liberal democracy will make more headway in the Islamic world than Islam will in the democratic world. It does not have a kind of universal appeal, while both democracy and cultural freedom are tremendously appealing to Islamic societies."

Buckingham Palace

Mum on Fergie Rumors

Buckingham Palace declined to comment as rumors swept London that Queen Elizabeth II's son Prince Andrew and his wife, the Duchess of York, aka Fergie, are preparing to separate legally after five years of marriage. The Daily Mail said Sir Matthew Farver, the queen's private attorney, and a team of lawyers Sunday discussed the complicated legal issues of separation with the royal couple at their home Sunday.

Cheyenne Brande

Cheyenne Brande, the daughter of Marlon Brando, has received permission to enter a clinic in France while awaiting a ruling on whether she will be tried in French Polynesia in connection with the slaying of her former boyfriend, Miss Brando, 21, was arrested last November in France and flown to the French territory in the South Pacific, where a judge is investigating her connection to the 1990 shooting of Dag Drollet, the father of her child.

David Bowie

David Bowie is buying his future bride a £2 million (\$3.5 million) stately home in Kiltzang, a secluded Irish village (pop. 200), 45 miles (72 kilometers) southwest of Dublin. His agent said Bowie, 46, will move to the remote estate deep in the County Wicklow hills with the Somalia-born model Iman, 36. They will marry in June.

Nick Nolte

Nick Nolte, nominated for an Oscar for "The Prince of Tides," says he likes fellow nominee Robin Williams' idea for how to choose the winner: "We should all get in the pool and swim for it."

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